–BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

a1 --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, after the first paragraph and before the second paragraph at line 11,

insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

a2 --DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART--

Page 2, line 4, delete "processes (BBL)" and substitute –bulletin board liaison

(BBL) processes–;

Page 2, line 7, before "machine", insert –slave–;

Page 2, line 8, before "machine", insert –slave–;

Page 2, line 8, before "process", insert –bulletin board liaison– and after

"process", delete "called";

Page 2, line 9, before "The bridge", insert a paragraph break.

Page 4, at line 17, before the paragraph beginning "The object..."   , insert the

following heading at the left-hand margin:

a3 --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 6, at line 12, and before the paragraph beginning " Other characteristics...",

insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

a4 --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 7, before line 8, and before the paragraph beginning "The following ...",

insert the following heading at the left hand margin:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S)--;

Page 7, line 11, change "six" to --seven--;

Page 7, line 12, before "network", insert --routing and--;

Page 27, delete lines 32 and 33 in their entirety, and substitute the following new

paragraph:

--While this invention has been described in conjunction with specific

embodiments thereof, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and variations

will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Accordingly, the preferred embodiments of

the invention as set forth herein, are intended to be illustrative, not limiting. Various

changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as

set forth herein and defined in the claims.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 12 in their entirety and without prejudice and substitute

the following new claims:

--13.   A process for assisting in the administration of a distributed application of

a transaction processing manager, based on a binary configuration file (TUXCONFIG),

characterized in that said process comprises:

4   - retrieving information related to said distributed application in a configuration

5   file of a master machine (Mm), and

6   - checking the consistency of said application running on a given machine.

7   14.   A process according to claim 13, characterized in that it further comprises

8   a step for managing at least one listener module (3) of any machine of the application

9   from another machine.

1   15.   A process according to claim 13, characterized in that it further comprises

2   extracting directly from the active configuration file of the master machine information

3   related to said distributed application.

1   16.   A process according to claim 13, characterized in that the step for

2   checking the consistency of said application consists of comparing the information

3   obtained from the configuration file of the master machine and the information obtained

4   from said current application running on a given machine.

1   17.   A process according to claim 14, characterized in that said administration

2   of listener modules consists of starting and stopping at least one listener module,

3   displaying information related to at least one listener module, changing the log of at

4   least one listener module, checking the script of at least one listener module and/or

5   updating the script of at least one listener module.

    18.   A process according to claim 14, characterized in that it further comprises

2   a step for starting and stopping a listener module running on a first machine, said step

3   for starting and stopping being carried out by an administrator using a second machine

4   distinct from first machine, but belonging to the same network as the first machine.

    19.   A process according to claim 14, characterized in that it further comprises

2   a step for simultaneously activating several listener modules.

    20.   A process according to claim 14, characterized in that it further comprises

2   a step for decompiling the active configuration file of the master machine.

1   21.   A process according to claim 14, including a graphical interface

2   comprising at least one icon, at least one menu and at least one dialog box for

3   implementing the start and stop of a listener module and the retrieval of information and

4   checking the consistency of said application running on a given machine.

1   22.   A process according to claim 21, characterized in that the menus of the

2   graphical interface are structured in tree form and the activation of a menu results in a

3   display of a list of values of the current configuration, selectable by the user.

1   23.   A process according to claim 16, further including automatically

generating a file containing information on said application running on a given machine

(tlog) when the file does not exist in a given machine in order to be able use it during

the next startup of the listener modules (3).

1   24.   A process according to claim 18, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

1   25.   A process according to claim 14, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

     26.   A process according to claim 17, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

1   27.   A process according to claim 19, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

        28.   A process according to claim 22, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

1   29.   A process according to claim 21, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

4   the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

5   module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).

1   30.   A process according to claim 23, characterized in that information related

2   to at least one listener module (3) is displayed and comprises at least the name of said

3   application, the logical name of the machine (LMID) on which said application is run,

the identification of the user (UID) of said application, the address used by the listener

module (NLSADDR), the access path to the network of said application, and the access

6   path to a log file of said listener module (LLFPN).--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel the Abstract at page 29 in its entirety and substitute the following

new Abstract: